

MEDICAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

UNAPPROVED DRAFT MINUTES

November 14, 2006

The Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee (MLAC) meeting held via teleconference at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification, (BLC) 1550 East College Parkway, Suite 158, Carson City, Nevada. Roll call was taken and Christie Casey noted that there was a quorum. A nomination was made by Herb Brown for Penny Williams, M.T. to become Chairperson; it was seconded by Lucius Blanchard, M.D.; the motion was approved and Penny Williams chaired the meeting. Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General suggested to the four members present they might want to wait until all members are present for the selection of Co-Chairperson and they all agreed.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan A. Doberneck, M.D.
Lucius Blanchard, M.D.
Herb Brown, M.T.
Penny Williams, M.T.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Alex Stojanoff, Ph.D.
David P. Marmaduke, M.D.
Maria L. Valencik, Ph.D.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bradford H. Lee, M.D., State Health Officer
Linda Anderson, Deputy Attorney General
Jennifer Dunaway, Health Facilities Surveyor IV
Vickie Estes, Health Facilities Surveyor III
Evelyn Sayre, Health Facilities Surveyor II
Jane Edwards, Health Facilities Surveyor II
Christie Casey, AAII
Rosemary Helsing, AAII
Jan Klaassen, UNLV Chairperson

1. **Approval of minutes:** Dr. Blanchard, made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2006 MLAC meeting that was seconded by Dr. Doberneck. The motion was approved.
2. **Review and approval:** John W. Hoffman, Jr's., application for certification for Specialty Technician Biotechnician NAC 652.485(1). The Bureau of Licensure and Certification received and reviewed John W. Hoffman, Jr's. application and documentation of work experience and education. The Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee reviewed and approved Mr. Hoffman's application for Specialty Technician Biotechnician. Herb Brown, M.T., made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Dr. Blanchard. All four members present approved.
3. **Review and approval:** Steve Bator's application for certification for Specialty Technician Biotechnician NAC 652.485(1). The Bureau of Licensure and Certification received and reviewed Steve Bator's application and documentation of work experience and education. The Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee reviewed and approved Mr. Bator's application for Specialty Technician Biotechnician. Dr. Doberneck motioned to approve and it was seconded by Dr. Blanchard. All four members present approved.
4. **Discussion of Open Meeting Law and Committee responsibilities by Linda Anderson.** MLAC is very important to Board of Health for recommendations on policy in labs, qualifications of

personnel and determination of regulations. Members are approved by Board of Health for a 3 year terms and limited to 2 consecutive terms. Agenda items are limited to agenda. Meetings are open to public. Vickie Estes asked Linda Andersen to comment on the hearing process and update the committee on the hearing for Mr. Torkaman. Linda stated Mr. Torkaman came before the MLAC and was recommended to deny the certification because he did not meet qualifications; then it went before the BOH and the denial was upheld; a hearing was held and the hearing officer upheld the denial for certification.

5. **Public comment and discussion:** Jennifer Dunaway stated that the State Board of Health will be held on December 8th, 2006 held in Carson City and will videoconferenced to Las Vegas. At that meeting the Schedule for the Board of Health Meetings for 2007 will be determined. Vickie Estes will then develop a proposed schedule for the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee and send to everyone. Dr. Lee had concerns about a variance to the regulations and the definition of hardship. He indicated that just to make more money should not constitute hardship. Vickie Estes thanked Dr. Lee for his participation on the MLAC and said these are excellent concerns brought up Dr. Lee. Jennifer Dunaway said there will be revisions to the regulations in the future. Vickie Estes said that we have Jan Klaassen Chair of the UNLV Medical Technologist program on the line and she thanked Jan for her help with the National Standards currently required. Ms. Klaassen agreed to work with the Bureau and MLAC updating the regulations. Pam Graham, Bureau Chief thanked committee for their service to the Medical Laboratory Advisory Committee and wished them Happy Holidays. She also asked if anyone knew of issues that would be going to the Legislature. No one knew of any potential legislative issues. Pam stated we will be monitoring the bills to be introduced during the next session. There is no meeting scheduled in December per Vickie Estes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Penny Williams, M.T., and seconded by everyone.

There being no further business or comments, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.